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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 3, 2001, for which the date for response was August 3, 2001. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to September 4, 2001 (since September 3, 2001, was a Federal holiday), which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/4300.012700.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, although strongly disagreeing with the restriction as presently imposed, Applicants nevertheless elect to prosecute claims 1-37 and 40-43, *i.e.*, the Group I claims drawn to DNA, vectors and host cells. In addition, Applicants elect the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (713) 934-4084 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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